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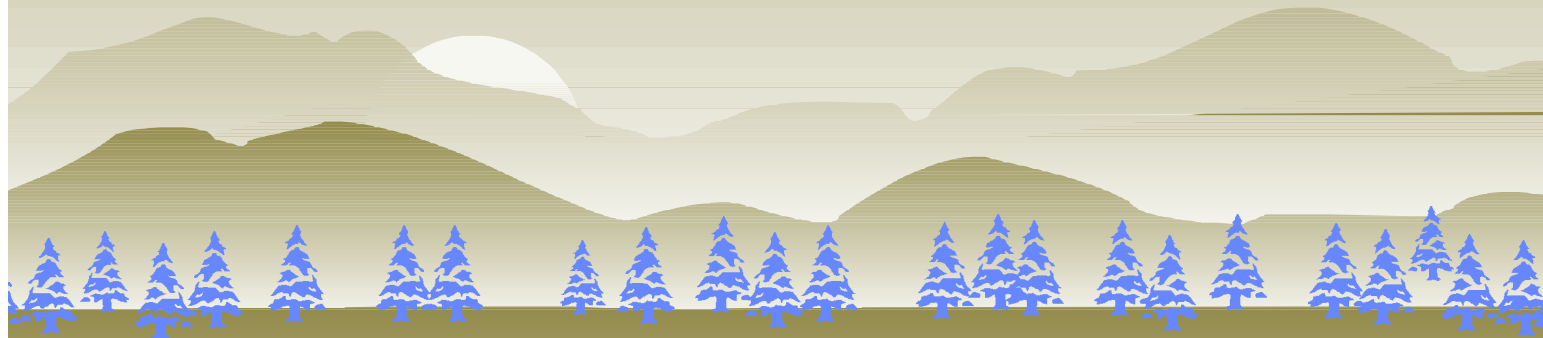


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Diverse Interests Collaborative Solutions

**A Dialogue on Bioenergy
and Sustainable Forest
Health in the West**



May 2-5, 1999

Squaw Valley, Lake Tahoe, California



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Throughout the western United States, communities, government agencies, and the private sector have diverse reasons for wanting to improve forest health, economic development, and fire protection and prevention. Use of bioenergy has recently emerged as an effective, sustainable approach for meeting these differing, long-term needs. Collaborative efforts to promote the development of bioenergy in the West could dramatically accelerate attainment of the many potential benefits of this approach for all concerned.

The U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy and the California Energy Commission are pleased to sponsor a three-day conference to promote a meaningful dialogue among interested parties and lay a foundation for collaboration. This **Diverse Interests - Collaborative Solutions** conference brings together—for the first time—forestry, energy, and rural community interests from across the West to examine the prospects for collaboratively promoting bioenergy development.

Discussions will address past experiences, what has been successful and what lessons there may be for the future. Through interactive sessions, facilitated discussions, case studies, exhibits and demonstrations, participants will gain a stronger understanding of bioenergy technologies and practices and how they meet the criteria of good stewardship for our forests while supporting community and economic goals.

The Program

This three-day event features information-packed sessions with a variety of speakers and topics. It offers a broad perspective on innovative approaches to the use of bioenergy as a tool in developing sustainable solutions. The conference will provide a forum for local, state, regional and national organizations to discuss opportunities for improving the management of public

and private forests through the expanded use of forest waste and other sources of biomass.

Presentations by leading experts, researchers and practitioners will address:

- the bioenergy industry now and in the future
- opportunities for bioenergy
- forest management challenges on private and public lands
- recent research and technological innovations
- the “dollars and sense” of applying bioenergy solutions
- federal, state and private initiatives
- impacts on air quality, watersheds and fire protection
- how bioenergy can play a greater role

Who Should Attend

The conference is aimed at:

- federal and state forest managers
- energy and environmental policy officials
- private owners of forest stands
- energy services providers
- bioenergy equipment manufacturers
- public interest groups
- business communities
- universities
- national laboratories

Conference Location - Lake Tahoe Area

The conference will be held at the **Resort at Squaw Creek** in the Olympic Valley, Lake Tahoe area. The Lake Tahoe area has been in the spotlight since the 1997 Presidential Summit, which focused on collaborative solutions for addressing Western environmental issues.





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Join us at Squaw Creek to:

- discuss strategies for working together to meet energy efficiency, productivity and environmental goals.
- network and explore research and technology alliance opportunities
- initiate cost-shared partnerships between industry and government
- generate new business contacts
- meet with potential manufacturing partners for your new technology concepts

Exhibits and Tours

The conference will feature a small exhibit area showcasing the technology, products and services of about 20 companies.

Weather permitting, there will be a tour of the Sierra Pacific Industries' Loyalton biomass cogeneration plant and U.S. Forest Service thinning operations hosted by the Western Biomass Consortium. Space is limited; please sign up early by indicating your participation on the registration form.

Agenda

Sunday, May 2, 1999

4:00 pm → Registration/check-in for Loyalton tour
6:00 pm Reception

Monday, May 3, 1999

8:00 am Loyalton Tour (advance sign-up required)
10:00 am Registration
10:00 am Exhibits open
12:00 pm Opening Plenary Session and Luncheon
Welcoming Address
Vice President Gore (invited)
Governor Davis, State of California (invited)
Secretary Richardson, U.S. Department of Energy (invited)
2:00 pm Session 1 - Overview of Challenges and Issues Facing Forest Health Management and Biomass Energy Development

Federal Perspectives

Jim Lyons, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) (invited)

Dan Reicher, Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)

Western Perspectives

Bjorn Dahl, Director, State and Private Forestry Program, United States Forest Service (USFS) Rocky Mtn. Region

Winston Hickox, Secretary, California Environmental Protection Agency

3:00 pm Session 2 - Community Perspective on Forest Health and Biomass

Moderator: Barbara Charnes, Executive Director, Western Biomass Consortium

Panelists:

John Sheehan, Member, Quincy Library Group
Robert Dettman, Branch Chief, Rural Development, USFS Rocky Mtn. Region



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Betty Riley, Executive Director, Sierra Economic Development District
 Ron Cody, Assistant Secretary, Black Hills Biomass Conversion Program, South Dakota Department of Agriculture
 Brett KenCairn, Executive Director, Grand Canyon Forest Foundation

3:30 pm Break
 5:30 pm Adjourn
 6:00 pm Reception and Dinner

2:00 pm

Session 5 - Environmental Perspectives

Moderator: John Sawhill, President and CEO, The Nature Conservancy (invited)

Panelists:

Linda Blum, Board Member, Sierra Nevada Alliance
 Brad Ack, Director, Grand Canyon Trust
 George Frampton, Chairperson, Council on Environmental Quality (invited)

3:15 pm

Break

3:30 pm

Session 6 - The Tahoe Basin as a Case Study

Moderator: Laurel Ames, Executive Director, Sierra Nevada Alliance

Panelists:

Juan Palma, Forest Supervisor, USFS Lake Tahoe Basin
 Suzanne Pearce, District Manager, Tahoe Resource Conservation District, USDA
 George Osbourne, Incident Commander, Tahoe ReGreen
 David McNeil, Renewable Energy Projects Manager, Nevada State Energy Office
 Steve Chilton, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
 Harold Singer, Executive Officer, Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

5:30 pm

Adjourn

Tuesday, May 4, 1999

7:30 am Continental Breakfast
 8:30 am Keynote Address:
Governor Guinn, State of Nevada (invited)

9:00 am Session 3 - Forest Health Management and Related Issues
Moderator: Shelley Nolde, Forestry Specialist Western Governors' Association
Panelists:
 Neil Sampson, President, The Sampson Group
 Alan Lloyd, Director, California Air Resources Board
 Karen Schroeder, Assistant District Foreman, Denver Water Board
 David Bischell, Executive Director, California Forestry Association
 John Buckley, Executive Director, Central Sierra Environmental Resource Center
 Susan Husari, Forester, USFS Region 5(invited)

10:30 am Break

Session 4 - The Bioenergy Option

Moderator: William Parks, Director, Office of Crosscut Technologies, DOE

Panelists:

Chairperson, California Energy Commission
 Andy Paterson, Principal, Environmental Business International
 Steve Gatto, President, BC International
 Bob Judd, Director, California Biomass Energy Alliance
 Michael Hogan, Environmental Consultant

12:30 pm Luncheon

Speaker: Senator Feinstein, State of California (invited)

Wednesday, May 5, 1999

8:00 am

Continental Breakfast

9:00 am

Keynote Address:

Senator Reid, State of Nevada (invited)

9:30 am

Session 7 - Roundtable Discussion: Where We Go From Here

Moderator: Mary Nichols, Secretary of Resources, State of California

Panelists:

Phillip Janik, Chief Operating Officer, USFS (invited)
 John White, Executive Director, Center for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
 Tad Mason, Manager, Wood Fuel Supply, Ogden Pacific Power
 Henry Kelly, Assistant Director for Technology, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (invited)





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Larry Potts, Vice President, Collins Pine Company

Megan Smith, Member, Western Biomass Consortium

Bill Carlson, Vice President, Western Region, Wheelabrator Environmental Systems

Richard Bradshaw, Special Assistant, DOE

10:30 am Break
10:45 am Continuation of Roundtable Discussion, Open Discussion
12:00 pm Adjourn

Conference Highlights Include

A great networking opportunity
Sessions with nationally-renowned speakers
Discussion of important bioenergy and forest health issues
Exhibits and demonstrations

Check our website for updates.
www.energy.ca.gov/calendar

Arrangements

Registration

Please complete and return the accompanying registration form and payment by **April 16, 1999**. The registration fee of **\$175.00** may be paid by credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express), check or purchase order. Make your check or PO payable to Energetics. Registration forms will not be processed without payment. You will be sent a confirmation letter when your registration is processed. On-site registration fee is **\$250.00**.

Group Rate	\$145.00 plus tax per night for single/double occupancy
Government Rate	\$85.45 plus tax per night for single/double occupancy

Rooms at the government rate are limited, so call early.
Government ID must be presented at check-in to receive this rate, otherwise the group rate will apply.

Registration Check-In Hours

Sunday, May 2, 1999	4:00 pm-7:00 pm
Monday, May 3, 1999	10:00 am-5:00 pm

The **cut-off date** for group rates is **April 12, 1999**. Group rates cannot be guaranteed after that date. Subsequent reservations will be honored on a space-available basis only.

Reservations & Hotel Information

The meeting will be held at the **Resort at Squaw Creek**, where a block of rooms has been reserved for attendees. Call the hotel directly at (800) 327-3353 to make your reservations. Be sure to state the group name: Diverse Interests-Collaborative Solutions.

***Important:** Hotel reservations will be confirmed if guaranteed with a major credit card or accompanied by one night's room deposit. If you pay by credit card, your credit card will be CHARGED two weeks prior to your arrival date. To cancel your room reservation a 7-day advance cancellation is required. Otherwise, your credit card or cash deposit will be forfeited.*





Resort at Squaw Creek
400 Squaw Creek Road, P.O. Box 3333
Olympic Valley, CA 96146
(530) 583-6300
Fax: (530) 581-6632
www.squawcreek.com

Other


Dress for the conference is business-casual.

Travel

**The resort is located 45 minutes from
Reno/Tahoe International Airport.**


Driving Directions

Directions from Reno/Tahoe International Airport:


Upon leaving the airport, turn right onto Highway 395 North. Proceed approximately 3 miles (staying in right hand lane) and exit to Interstate 80 West (Sacramento, Reno exit). Continue on Interstate 80 approximately 35 miles to Truckee, California. Exit at Highway 89 South, Tahoe City/Squaw Valley exit. Turn left at stop sign. Ten miles south of Truckee is the Squaw Valley USA exit on the right. Proceed up Squaw Valley Road approximately 1/3 mile to entrance of the Resort at Squaw Creek on the left (large stone and cement sign on right of entrance).  Continue up Squaw Creek Road past gatehouse to the Resort, where there will be a bellman to greet you. Valet or self parking is available.

Directions from San Francisco & Sacramento Areas:

Take Interstate 80 East toward Reno to Truckee, California. Exit at Highway 89 South, Tahoe City/Squaw Valley exit. Turn right at stop sign. Ten miles south of Truckee is the Squaw Valley USA exit on the right. Proceed up Squaw Valley Road approximately 1/3 mile to entrance of the Resort at Squaw Creek on the left (large stone and

cement sign on right of entrance).  Continue up Squaw Creek Road past gatehouse to the Resort, where there will be a bellman to greet you. Valet or self parking is available.

Directions from Incline Village, Nevada:

From Incline Village, head west on Highway 28 to Tahoe City, approximately 15 miles. At Tahoe City, take Highway 89 North towards Truckee for approximately 5 miles to Squaw Valley USA exit on the left. Proceed up Squaw Valley Road approximately 1/3 mile to entrance of the Resort at Squaw Creek on the left (large stone and cement sign on right of entrance).  Continue up Squaw Creek Road past gatehouse to the Resort, where there will be a bellman to greet you. Valet or self parking is available.

Parking

Valet overnight: \$15 per day
Day meeting guest: \$5 per day
Self parking: complimentary

Shuttle Service

Standard Airport Shuttle Service

Call 800-327-3353, ext. 8

This service is available at a cost of \$35 per person each way.

- Pickup Reno Airport: Departing at 7:00 am every hour until 11 pm.
- Depart Resort at Squaw Creek: Starting at 5:00 am every hour until 10:00 pm.

Please NOTE: 1) Arrivals after 11:00 pm and departures before 5:00 am are \$100 for up to 2 passengers, \$25.00 for each additional person. 2) Travel time is 45-60 minutes each way. 3) Special group rates are available for airport transfers. 4) Reservations are required by 5:00 pm the prior day. 3) Passengers are met at carousel #5 in the baggage claim area of the airport.





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Premium Airport Shuttle Service

Call 800-327-3353, ext. 8

For guests who would prefer not to wait for a standard shuttle, premium airport shuttle service is available and may be reserved for any time desired. The cost is \$43 per person with a two person minimum of \$86. Guests can be greeted at the gate upon arrival or at carousel #5 in the baggage claim area.

Taxi Fare: about \$70

Cancellations and Refunds

Please notify Energetics Conference Services in writing if you need to cancel your plans to attend the meeting. Refunds, less a \$25.00 processing fee, will be granted if requests are received in writing by April 27, 1999. The fax is (301) 621-3329. Substitutions can be made by calling Energetics Conference Services at (410) 290-0370.

Numbers and Deadlines

Energetics Conference Services	(410) 290-0370
Fax	(301) 621-3329
Registration Deadline	April 16, 1999
Hotel Reservation Deadline	April 12, 1999





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☐ Please check here if you require assistance. We will contact you to discuss your needs.



☐ Vegetarian

☐ I am interested in exhibit space

☐ I am interested in becoming a co-sponsor

☐ I will be attending the Loyaltan Tour, Monday,
May 3, 8-11 am.

Registration Fee: \$175.00

On-Site Registration Fee: \$250.00

Please check one of the following:

☐ Federal Agency

☐ National Laboratory

☐ State/Local Government

☐ Non-profit Organization

☐ Public Interest Group

☐ Bioenergy Equipment Manuf.

☐ Other _____

☐ University

☐ Industry

☐ Association

☐ Energy Service Provider

☐ Forest Manager

☐ Private Stand Forest Owner

Payment Method:

☐ Check/PO (made payable to Energetics) Total Fee Enclosed: \$_____.



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Please return completed form
and fee, by April 16, 1999, to:

Conference Services
Energetics, Incorporated
7164 Gateway Drive
Columbia, MD 21046

Phone: (410) 290-0370

Fax: (301) 621-3329

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